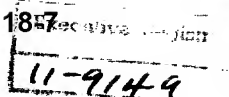


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9 November 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Publications Board

SUBJECT : Dissemination of CIA Publications

**REFERENCES : (1) Memorandum from DD/I, Same Subject,
dated 19 March 1959.**

**(2) Memorandum from DDCI to Publications
Board dated 20 December 1958 re
Wider Dissemination of Selected Agency
Publications.**

I would like to place on the agenda for the 3 December meeting of the Publications Board a discussion of these two basic memoranda, copies attached. I have also sent these memoranda to the General Counsel asking him to give us his views as to the legal issues involved in wider dissemination. Colonel Grogan has also been informed, in view of the obvious public relations implications.

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
AGENCY PUBLICATIONS BOARD

19 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Dissemination of CIA Publications

1. This memorandum recommends, in paragraph 5, approval of a statement of Agency policy concerning dissemination of Agency publications.
2. The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, in a memorandum of 20 December 1958, asked that the Agency Publications Board consider the general problem of wider dissemination for certain types of Agency publications, to include in some instances dissemination to the public; and that the Board develop and recommend appropriate Agency policies and procedures.
3. The Board finds that existing arrangements, which possibly can be enlarged, provide for issuing unclassified Agency material under sponsorship of other Government agencies; that up to 2000 copies of an Agency publication could legally be distributed free to the public; and that the principal hindrance to increasing the flow of Agency material outside normal intelligence community channels--time required to prepare sanitized versions--can be lessened by avoidance of over-classification and by early consideration of the release of particular documents.

4. The Board believes that a general statement of Agency policy should be made by the Director. The first paragraph of the statement the Board proposes subordinates public information activities to the Agency's chief responsibilities and to security requirements; it is rather an injunction on the Agency's components to look with care for possibilities for wider dissemination than a commitment to provide either to the Government at large or to the public any particular amount or type of information; and it provides that Agency activities shall be in cooperation with other Government agencies. The second and third paragraphs emphasize certain important implications of the statement in the first paragraph, and the final paragraph assigns responsibility for carrying out this policy.

5. The Agency publications Board therefore recommends that you approve the following statement:

It is Agency policy, to the extent that implementation of this policy does not impair the discharge of responsibilities placed on the Agency by the National Defense Act or by NSC directives, or jeopardize the necessary protection of intelligence sources and methods, to cooperate with other Government agencies in making available throughout the Government and, where appropriate, to the US public, information in its possession that would not otherwise be available to the Government generally or to the public.

To carry out this policy each Agency publication should receive the lowest classification consistent with the protection of sources and methods.

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highly classified sources or information should be used where feasible to permit a lower classification of the basic document.

This policy requires also that Agency publications be reviewed both within the major component in which produced and in a centralized Agency effort, for the specific purpose of selecting publications that could advantageously receive a wider-than-intelligence-community dissemination, and that every reasonable effort be made by publishers to comply with Agency requests for preparation of publications for wider dissemination.

The Office of Central Reference will monitor the execution of this policy and will establish the necessary procedures. Policy questions arising hereunder will be referred to the Agency Publications Board.



ROBERT AMORY, JR.
Chairman

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Recommendation in paragraph 5 approved:

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ALLAN W. DULLES
Director

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